

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Austin, Texas
April 3, 1923

Hon. S. L. Staples,
Secretary of State,
Capitol Building
Austin, Texas.

SB 317

Dear Mr. Secretary:

It appears, from a study of Senate Bill No. 317, that it is to act as a blanket amendment to city charters, as it specially provides that "its provisions may be used in lieu of existing laws or city charter provisions, when and where deemed advisable by the governing body". I take it from this language that the governing body referred to is to be vested with authority to amend the charter without submitting the same to the qualified voters of the city.

In the first place, the Legislature itself has no authority, under the constitution, to amend a city charter. I doubt the wisdom of vesting any city governing body with blanket authority to do things not provided for in the city charter.

The bill is, therefore, vetoed and filed, as provided by law, with you.

Respectfully,



Governor.